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QUOTE S E C R E T BANGKOK 5434

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, LA, US, OVIP, OREP, SOPH, TH
SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO LAOS

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1. EMBASSY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION AIRCRAFT TO STOP OVER IN BANGKOK MAR. 19-21, AS INSTURCTED IN REFTEL.

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WM UPI CORRESPONDENT IN BANGKOK, ALAN DAWSON, TALKED TO EMBOFF MAR 14 AND TOLD HIM HE HAD HEARD PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION WOULD BE SPENDING COMING WEEKEND IN BANGKOK, ARRIVING MAR 19 AT 1100 AND LEAVING FOLLOWING DAY FOR VIENTIANE. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSION WAS STILL NOT RPT NOT FIRMED UP AFTER HANOI. DAWSON SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDED

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THIS INFO OFF THE RECORD TO NEWSMEN (INCLUDING UPI) WHO WILL BE GOING TO HANOI.

3. AS SOME VERSION OF THIS REPORT MIGHT BEGIN TO SPREAD IN BANGKOK, ON AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS EMBOFF MAR 14 CONTACTED SAWANIT KONGSIRI, SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION CHIEF IN MFA, TOLD HIM OF ABOVE PRESS INFO, AND STATED THAT COMMISSION WAS NOT RPT NOT COMING TO BANGKOK. EMBOFF ADDED THAT WE WOULD BE SENDING NOTE TODAY, REQUESTING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR COMMISSION AIRCRAFT. SAWANIT SAID HE WOULD ALERT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBILE FOR CLEARANCE AND INDICATED HE ANTICIPATED NO RPT NO PROBLEM ABOUT CLEARANCE. SAWANIT ASKED WHOM PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION WOULD BE MEETING WITH IN HANOI AND VIENTIANE. EMBOFF REPLIED WE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW BUT ASSUMED IT WOULD BE SENIOR GOVERNMENT FIGURES. SAWANIT EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR INFORMATION PROVIDED.
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